

HOUSE SHORTAGE FELT IN EVERY PART OF CITY

Thousands of Pieces of Furniture Moved to Storage Places on Saturday.

ORDERS ARE ON INCREASE

Any New Faces Appear Around Tables at Public Eating Places. Real Estate Men Making Effort to Solve Richmond's Problem.

Thousands of pieces of household furniture were moved from Richmond homes and apartments yesterday to storage houses, the owners packing their personal belongings in hand-trucks and moving into furnished rooms as a result of the house shortage in Richmond.

Many new faces appeared at board-house tables, being members of homeless families, who were unable to secure new leases beginning September 1. Real estate men are canvassing the city in search of every available room and urging all families to at least use furnished rooms to provide quarters for the homeless citizens.

Fortunate Ones Happy.
In the wake of the "derelict" house-keepers were the fortunate residents who had secured leases. In many instances these have offered to share their one-family homes or apartments with those who are unable to locate quarters.

It was reported last night that there is an influx of local people into the rooming houses and similar public lodging places. In some instances friends of the homeless were called upon to house those who were compelled to vacate yesterday.

New Families Arrive.
In the meantime, the shifting of population continues. Men who have been working in Richmond, their families living elsewhere, have secured leases, and will bring their families here, thus increasing the numbers of those who must board and room until new houses are constructed.

GOVERNMENT OPENS BIDS
Bids for government buildings, including a 30,000-gallon wooden tank and pumps, at the United States Army Hospital No. 23, Hot Springs, N. C., will be received by the contracting armistice at the hospital up to September 5, it was announced yesterday.

Certified check or cash equal to 5 percent of the amount of the bid must accompany the bid and will be applied to the purchase price of the successful bidder. The right is reserved to make such award as may seem to conserve the interests of the government, to accept any combination of bids or to reject any or all bids.

James Sparks Wedding.
The marriage of Miss May Sparks, Liverpool, England, who arrived in Richmond last week, and W. A. Ames, of South Richmond, was celebrated at the home of Rev. E. T. Smith, pastor of Wakefield Memorial church, yesterday. The bride was attended by Miss Leona Pingel, of every. The best man was D. James, brother of the groom, and Mrs. James will be at home at their home at 2914, Hull street, South Richmond.

Today and Tonight in Richmond

Glenn E. Plumb, address on Plumb Plan at City Auditorium at 3. Meeting to organize Plumb Plan League, City Auditorium at 3. Bathing at Shields' Lake, under auspices of War Camp Community Service, after 2. Band concert under auspices of War Camp Community Service at Confederate Soldiers' Home, at 5. Church services.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Employees of the Merchants' National Bank left yesterday afternoon for Virginia Beach to stay until Monday evening on the annual outing that is given by the institution.

Leutenant R. C. Wilkes, of 7 East Grace Street, arrived in Richmond yesterday after fifteen months' continuous service overseas. Leutenant Wilkes is now on furlough and awaiting discharge. He was an officer in the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Infantry of the Tenth-ninth Division and landed at Hoboken only a few days ago.

Rev. W. K. Cunningham will preach this morning at Baptist Church, which will be a special music by a male quartet at both services.

Rev. Thomas V. McCall, of Greenville, S. C., a native of Richmond, will preach in the Tabernacle Baptist Church this morning and again tonight.

The Virginia Mechanics' Institute, Eleventh and Broad Streets, will start classes in the night school of technology on September 21. Enrollment will begin on September 15, according to the announcement made yesterday.

Dr. Douglas S. Freeman will deliver the sermon this morning at 11 o'clock at the Eleventh and Broad Street Baptist Church, which will be the only service of the day.

J. F. Dittenbach, proprietor of Baker Brothers' store, at 3 East Broad Street, died yesterday in Police Court on the charge of selling a stolen automobile to Simpson, colored, 4 West Cary Street.

C. Cammell, H. P. Atkinson, Henry Robinson and E. Chilton, all white, were fined \$2 each in Police Court yesterday when arraigned on the charge of running their automobiles on street car tracks.

Henry Smith, colored, eighteen years old, was arrested yesterday on the charge of transporting stolen property. According to the police a hand bag was taken from Smith containing four quarts of liquor.

Mrs. Mary Wade, twenty-five years old, 229 North Second Street, was arrested yesterday afternoon on the charge of stealing a mattress valued at \$10 from W. G. Patterson. She was bailed for appearance in Police Court.

Ben Jones, colored, 1255 Fairfield Street, was locked up in the police yesterday on the charge of stealing a stolen automobile three valued at \$100.

Highland Park will have a celebration all the way on the Labor Day, with a number of carnival features and will continue all day and into the night. The purpose of the Labor Day program is to raise funds for a club house for the Women's Club of Highland Park.

Rev. Lester Valentine Lee, who has been assistant pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church here for more than three years, will preach his farewell sermon at St. Paul's today and will leave this week for his new charge at Houston, Texas.

The Taylorville Baptist Church of Decatur will direct the Labor Day program at the Dossell fair grounds tomorrow. All-day picnic is the big feature, with baseball and athletic contests.

Boys who are members of the Richmond Y. M. C. A. will have a new secretary beginning today. He is E. K. King, of Chesapeake, S. C. Secretary King will be introduced to the boys for the first time at the afternoon Club his afternoon.

DRIVE TO BE CONTINUED

South Side Patriotic Memorial Association Has 150 Workers Soliciting Funds.

Captains of the ward teams of the South Side Patriotic Memorial Association have decided to continue their drive for funds through another week, according to officials of the organization. No figures have yet been submitted, but many of the workers are enthusiastic over the success so far achieved. Over 150 workers are now canvassing for the necessary funds. It is said at a meeting of the finance committee of the association Tuesday night returns of the drive so far will be discussed.

CRUSADE AGAINST RATS WILL START THIS WEEK

Director Levy Preparing Campaign to Rid Richmond of Many Rodents.

BEST POISONS SUGGESTED

Health Authorities Recommending Certain Death-Dealing Implements and Show How Little Animals Spread Disease Through City.

Careful preparations are being made by Director of Public Welfare Levy and his staff for instituting a campaign against the rat this week. An additional 1,000 posters, showing the destructiveness of rats and means of combating them, and also 1,000 farm bulletins number 826, issued by the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, which deal with ways and means of destroying rats, have been ordered and will be distributed among citizens who show interest in the campaign.

The United States Department of Agriculture has furnished Dr. Levy with a list of poisons which are best to use and how to use them and the campaign will be started as soon as enough recruits in the rat war have been enlisted. "If everyone will do his part we will succeed," said Dr. Levy yesterday. "The rat is a menace to health and destroys millions of dollars worth of property each year. Norfolk has just closed a very successful campaign against rats. I am informed that it did not see why we should not be able to do as well as they have done."

Best Poisons Suggested.
The director of public welfare suggests that the easiest way to destroy the rat is by poison. The poison which he recommends is a barium carbonate. The reason given for the choice of such a poison by the director is that it is not poisonous to persons who only get a small quantity of it, as would be the case with children. It is also easy to get hold of it by mistake, but that it is deadly to animals.

The plan which is being considered by the director is to warn the public that on certain days the poison will be put out in the organizations and citizens fighting the rats. On those days the public will be asked to keep their homes clean.

To use the poison successfully the Department of Agriculture suggests that three different kinds of bait, such as meat, fruit and vegetables be put out near the same spot at the same time. In this way the rat, even though suspicious of one kind of bait, is almost sure to sample one of the others. Especially good baits suggested are ground meat, sweet corn, tomatoes, bananas, cantaloupe, watermelon, fish, oatmeal and grain. The department also suggests that the poison be put out three nights in succession and that all other rodents, as far as possible, be put beyond reach of the rodents.

Traps Being Studied.
But not only through poisons is the public welfare department going to attack the strongholds of the rodent. A dozen different styles of traps are being considered by Dr. Levy. Among them are the steel trap, barrel trap, box trap, strangle trap, cape trap and guinea trap. Citizens who desire to catch the rat rather than kill him with poison will have access to the list held by the public welfare department.

Work to enlist all civic bodies in the war will be started Tuesday. In connection with the enlistment and cooperation of clubs and organizations, Dr. Levy said yesterday: "The plan of campaign which we are about to start involves co-operation with all commercial bodies, Boy Scouts, Housewives' League and other similar associations. We also hope to do house-to-house work and run slides in the local motion picture house."

Young Women Entertained.
The Wesleyan Girls' of St. James Methodist Sunday school were entertained Friday evening at the home of Mrs. S. W. Pennell, 2317 West Grace Street. Assisting the hostess were Mrs. Rose, Miss Powell and Miss Pinnell. A feature of the program of instrumental music and readings was the piano playing of little Francis Rose, niece of the hostess.

Bees Earn Money for Owners.
LYNCHBURG, Va., August 30.—W. C. Caldwell, Gall's Mills, Nelson County, has taken 300 pounds of honey from forty-five colonies he started with this past spring. The colonies have increased during this period to fifty-seven.

NEW TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ISSUED BY DIRECTOR MYERS

One-Way Route Established on Seventeenth Between Main and Grace Streets.

To further relieve the congestion at certain points in the city, Director of Public Safety Myers yesterday issued an order designating Seventeenth Street, between Main and Grace Streets, and the short thoroughfare west of the First Market, between Main and Grace Streets, and known as West Seventeenth Street, to be used for one-way traffic effective at 12 o'clock tonight.

Two new parking orders were issued at the same time by the Director of Public Safety also effective at midnight today. No vehicles of any character will be permitted to park on Franklin Street between West Seventeenth and Seventeenth Streets, or on the south side of Main Street between Ninth and Tenth Streets from 7 o'clock in the morning until 7 o'clock at night, except on Sunday.

MRS. W. L. MERCER DEAD

Former Resident of Richmond Passes Away in Washington After Long Illness.

Advice has been received in this city of the death of Mrs. Whitfield Mercer, which occurred after a prolonged illness, at her home in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Mercer was Miss May Vest Walker, daughter of the late Joshua A. Walker and his wife, who was Miss Mary Ellen Bullington, a sister of the late Robert J. Bullington, all of this city. She was reared here and in 1895 married Mr. Mercer who survives her.

Mrs. Mercer is survived by her mother and two sisters, Mrs. Arthur S. Williams and Mrs. John McIlwaine, which she recommends as a sister of the late Robert J. Bullington, all of New York City and Richard Julius Walker, of Johnson City, Tenn. Through the Bullington family she was related to a large circle including the Tarpins, Charles, Hundley, Keeses, Jones, Garthright, Johns and Bullingtons, of this State and Tennessee.

RELIEF FUND IS GROWING

But \$34.65 Is Needed to Provide Means of Health to Mother and Child.

With \$34.65 added to the contributions already received for Case No. 2 of The Times-Dispatch Relief Fund, sufficient money will have been received to care for the deserted mother and her three children. The contributions now total \$90.25 and \$125 is needed to pay the expenses of the family in the country where the doctor has order it be sent. This mother for two years has been working day and night to maintain her children. The oldest child is ten and the youngest is two. The money received in this fund will be used to equip the child for school.

Yesterday's contribution follows: Cash \$ 5.00 Previously acknowledged \$ 5.35 Total \$ 10.35

Crops Show Improvement.
LYNCHBURG, Va., August 30.—Crops in this section have improved greatly under ideal weather conditions during the past week or two, and farmers here caught up with their work, as a rule.

MONTAGUE URGES INCREASE IN PRODUCTION BY FARMERS

Congressman Tells of Industrial Conditions in America in Speech at Goochland Courthouse.

Congressman Andrew Jackson Montague yesterday addressed an organization of farmers of Goochland County at Goochland Courthouse, describing the general unrest throughout the whole country and urging the farmers to increase production.

Mr. Montague pointed out that the tillers of the soil were feeding the world and that every effort should be made to increase the yield of crops to bring down the cost of living. The Congressman confined his address to the general economic situation facing the American people at this time, but did not speak on any political questions.

Mr. Montague arrived in Richmond Friday night and said that his intention was to speak to the farmers as well as to the general public.

He is visiting his family in Richmond and expects to leave for Washington some time tomorrow.

HEALTH SERVICE TAKES NEW OFFICE QUARTERS

Extension of Work Makes Move to Chamber of Commerce Building Necessary.

Arrangements were made yesterday by officials of the Public Health Service for offices on the eighth floor of the Chamber of Commerce Building, which were formerly used by the Southern Railway Company. Passed Assistant Surgeon John L. Moore, now in charge of the department here, announced yesterday.

It was said by Surgeon Moore that the action in moving the offices out of the post-office building, which will be done as soon as office equipment ordered has been received, was taken because of the limited office space. It was explained that the service has taken over the work of making physical examinations and recommendations for the war risk insurance work. A dispensary, examination room and general offices will be installed in the new headquarters of the department and is due here next week.

FOOD ORDERS SHOW GAIN AT RICHMOND POST-OFFICE

Arrival of Ten-Ton Shipment Reveals Stock to Be in Standard Condition.

Numbers of orders were received at the post-office yesterday for government foodstuffs following the arrival of ten tons of the food bought here and its delivery yesterday.

The increase in business is attributed to the fact that it has been found on the arrival of the foodstuffs that the canned goods are of standard brands. At 4 o'clock last afternoon thirty-five orders, aggregating \$380 had been received and many citizens were bringing in orders for more goods. One ton more of government foodstuffs arrived yesterday morning and was practically all distributed in the afternoon. Plans have been made to use two army trucks for distribution of the goods expected to arrive this week. One truck was kept busy all day yesterday and officials say that the amount received to date is only a drop in the bucket to what has been ordered and is due here next week.

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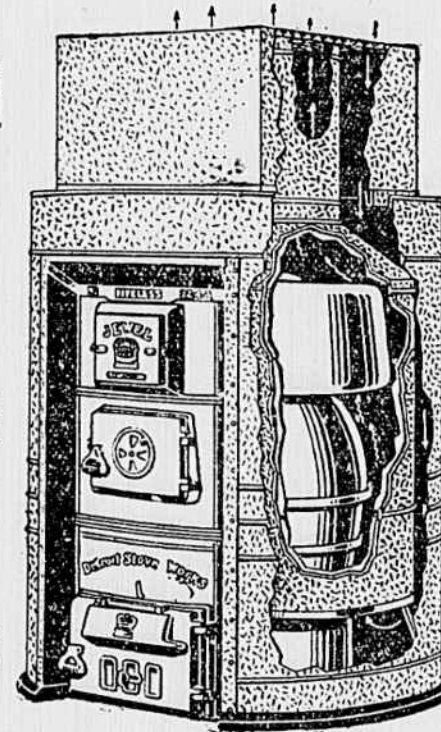
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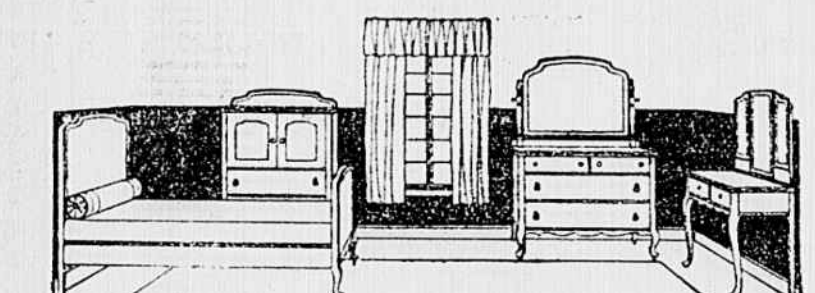
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